## **History of National Service**

Retired Senior Volunteer Program

Foster Grandparent Program Senior Companion Program



Demonstration projects launched for these three programs to show the effectiveness of the service model and to engage older Americans in a range of service activities.

1964

Created by President Lyndon B. Johnson as a part of the "War On Poverty."

VISTA

(Volunteers in Service to America)

1970s

1973

1989

Senior Service Programs + Peace Corps + VISTA form the ACTION Agency



RSVP, Foster Grandparent Program, and Senior Companion Program are authorized through this act.

Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973



President George H.W. Bush creates the Office of National Service in the White House and the Points of Light Foundation to foster volunteering.

Points of Light Foundation

Signed by President Bush, this legislation authorizes grants to schools to support service-learning through Serve America and demonstration grants. Learn and Serve America is created.

National and Community Service Act of 1990

1990

1992



National Civilian Community Corps

AmeriCorps NCCC created



1993 -

## Corporation for National and Community Service created



AmeriCorps created; Senior Corps incorporates the three senior-focused programs: RSVP, Foster Grandparents, and Senior Companions.







AmeriCorps incorporates VISTA and NCCC

**AmeriCorps** created



Congress establishes MLK Day as a day of service.

King Holiday and Service Act of 1994





After 9/11, President George W. Bush asks all Americans to devote **two years or 4,000 hours to volunteer service** during their lifetimes.

2002 State of the Union Address

2002

1994



Launched by CNCS to honor the nation's top colleges and universities for their commitment to community service, civic engagement, and service-learning.

President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll

2006



Officially launched in May 2007

First AmeriCorps Week

2007

